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3V, TUNISIA. Fabio, I4UFH, will be active from the **3V8BB** club station **July 8-11th**, and will also be in the **IARU Contest** as a Single Op/Phone entry. Emphasis will be on the low band and 10 meters for the USA and Asian stations. Outside the contest the activity will be mainly on the WARC band and 2 meters (depending upon antenna availability). QSL to I4UFH via the bureau/direct. He will ONLY confirm these QSOs and the Jan 7th, 1999 operation.

3Y, BOUVET. The "DX News Sheet" reports that **3Y5NT** was active on **June 14th**, at 0250z on 14003 kHz CW giving the QSL info via W3HNC. However, Joe, W3HNC, does not know anything about the station!

4M1, VENEZUELA. Look for **4M1X** to be active in the upcoming **IARU Contest (July 10-11th)**. Operators Kenny/K2KW, Bob/N6TV and Will/K6KM will be entering the contest as a Multi-Single class and will be active on 80-10 meters CW/SSB. Beginning **July 6th**, look for activity by the operator signing **YV1/homecall**. QSL 4M1X via W4SO (mail drop). QSL YV1/K2KW via WA4WTG. QSL YV1/N6TV and YV1/K6KM via homecall.

8S1, SWEDEN. "The 59(9) DXReport" states that special event station **8S1IG** will be active from **Gotland Island (EU-020)** now **through July 2nd** during the "**Island Games**". QSL to SM1TDE via the bureau or direct to: Eric Wennstroem, Vasagatan 9-324, SE-17267 Sandbyberg, Sweden.

AMATEUR GROUPS ATTEMPTING TRANS-ATLANTIC 2M CONTACT. The following are excerpts from a press release by Paul, VO1HE (All OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete release as an additional). Beginning on June 26th and continuing until July 4th, 1999, a group in Scotland led by Bill, GM0ICF, will be operating from Ardnamurchan Light House on Ardnamurchan Point, the most westerly point in the mainland British Isles, in an attempt to make the first transatlantic 2-way contact on 144 MHz. Operating from the North American side will be a group led by Paul, VO1HE, operating from Cabot Tower, the site

where Marconi received the first transatlantic signal in 1901. The operating frequency on 2 meters will be 144.075 MHz plus/minus interference and at 15-18 wpm CW. Operating times will be between 1200-2000z daily for the entire period but most likely not the entire 8 hours per day. The callsign of the Scottish station will be **2S0ICF/P** and the call of the Canadian station will be **VO1AA**. The groups are trying to win the Irish Radio Transmitters Society's "Brendan Trophies", which will be awarded to the first two stations to make a verified contact across the Atlantic Ocean using 144-146 MHz without aid of man-made reflectors, repeaters or moon bounce. For more information on the Brendan Trophies and the rules, check out the URL address: <http://www.irts.ie/brendan.htm>

A9, BAHRAIN (Update). "The Daily DX" reports that David, A92GE, is saying Regi, ON4CFI, who is active until July 7th as **A9/ON4CFI**, is not authorized to operate. The reason given is there is not a reciprocal licensing arrangement in Bahrain and A9/homecall callsigns are not permitted.

HC, ECUADOR. Reports indicate that Ted, **HC5K**, is now active on **6 meters** using an IC-706 and two 6 element yagis. No QSNs have been reported. QSL direct.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **EU-052.** Spiros, **SV8CS**, will be active **until July 10th** from **Corfu Island** in northwestern Greece, 2 miles from Albania. Activity will be on all bands using an IC-756 Linear amp, Collins 301-1 (except 160m), TH3MK III and dipoles. Also, he will be active on RTTY and PSK31. Check out the Web Page: <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Forum/2310/index.htm>
- **EU-124.** The Barry Amateur Radio Society (BARS) will be going to the Welsh island called **Flat Holm Island** from Friday, **August 27th** to Wednesday, **September 1st**. They will be active on all bands 160m to 70 cms CW, SSB, RTTY, Amtor, and SSTV. QSL via bureau or CBA of GW0ANA (QSL Manager).

OA178, PERU (Attention Prefix Hunters!). Cesar, OA4QV, informs OPDX that during the entire month of **July**, he will be using the special prefix/ callsign **OA178QV** to commemorate **178 years of independence** of his country. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/12/17/10 meters. QSL via OA4QV.

OPERATOR(S) NEEDED. Mats/5X1Z/SM7PKK and Nils/SM6CAS report (in a press release) that they still need one more (possibly two) operator(s) for their DXpedition. Their primary target is **T31 Kanton**, a place that is still very high on the most wanted lists around the world. Their secondary target is **ZK3 Tokelau**, a small but often bypassed island that has yet never seen a big multi-operator DXpedition. The initial itinerary is as follows:

- T31 September 23rd - October 3rd (1999)
- ZK3 October 7th - October 12th (1999)

They intend to have three stations with 1KW. These will be manned by 6 operators. There will be beams for the all the higher bands including the WARC bands and verticals for the low bands. The rough budget for this DXpedition is about 30,000 USD not counting the personal tickets and hotels to the takeoff site for the DXpedition. The DXpedition is looking for additional funds from Clubs and Foundations. If interested, please contact Nils via E-mail at:

nils.sm6cas@swipnet.se All OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release by Nils as an additional bulletin.

OZ, DENMARK (Attention VHF DXers!). A team from the EDR Vestfyn Branch (OZ5VF) will participate in the annual **VHF Field Day** (from 1400z **July 3rd** to 1400z **July 4th**) using the callsign **OZ5VF/P** from JO45XG near Ebberup on the **Island of Fyn (IOTA EU-029)**. Their suggested frequencies will be around (+/-QRM) 50.173 MHz, 144.173 MHz or 144.273 MHz and 432.173 MHz. The team will consist of OZ2EW, OZ4CQ, OZ6CQ, OZ6OM/OZ7M, OZ9CQ and possibly others (All are qualified VHF DXers).

OZ, DENMARK. Knud, OZ2ZB, reports that the Danish **Island of Fur** (DIA NJ003) will be activated by Jacob, **OZ7AEI/P**, on **July 5th**. Activity will be on 10/15/20/40 meters. To see more information about "The Danish Island Award", and for expected DXpedition for the award, check out the Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/oz2zb/>

P29, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. The "DX News Letter" reports that Tom, **P29TL**, has returned to **Ukarumpa** for another 4 years (after being in the USA for 2 years). Look for him to be active on 10/15/20 meters SSB. He hopes to be on all bands and active on packet and SSTV soon. QSL direct to: Tom, SIL, Box 115, Ukarumpa EHP 444, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- All **FO0PAP** and **FO0MAC** direct cards have been answered. John, K8YSE, states, "If you don't receive your cards in the next week or so, please send an E-mail to k8yse@en.com or resend direct to: EIDX Network, 4910 Royalton Road, North Royalton, OH 44133, USA." Bureau cards will be processed in the next month or two.
- The logs for the June **CY9SS** St. Paul Island DXpedition are now available at the Web Site: <http://dx.qsl.net/logs/>
- "NEVER GIVE UP!", states Marco, IK0DWN. Marco reports to OPDX, "Yesterday (June 23rd) I found in my letterbox the return QSL for a contact that I made with **SV9AKI** in 1990. My SAE was still in pretty good conditions, considering that it's been hanging around for 9 years!"

SECRETARY SELECTED FOR IREF. A press release by Mike, AD5A, dated June 21, 1999, reports: "Bob Nadolny, WB2YQH, has been selected as Secretary for the Island Radio Expedition Foundation, Inc. Bob is the editor of The 599 Report and is an avid DXer and Island Chaser. IREF should benefit from Bob's experience. The Island Radio Expedition Foundation, Inc., was founded to raise funds in support of amateur radio expeditions to rare and new islands qualifying for the IOTA award. The Foundation has begun accepting donations and more information can be found at the Web site: <http://www.sat.net/~iref/>

TF, ICELAND. Bob, W2SF, informs OPDX that he would like to announce his planned trip to **Keflavik, Iceland, August 26th through September 6th**. This will be a Single Op all band (80-10 meters plus the WARC bands) operation on CW/SSB/RTTY. He has the license **W2SF/TF** and the airline tickets. His equipment will be a TS-850s, lap top computer, R7 vertical and g5rv all band dipole. QSL to his home callsign.

WELL KNOWN DXER ARRESTED. Information from several sources being passed around indicate that a Japanese newspaper called "Asahi Shimbun" reported that Zorro Miyazawa,

JH1AJT, and Hirohiko Daikoku, JG3QCW, were arrested on June 16th. The reason given was that in 1995 Zorro allegedly had let Hirohiko take the second class license test for him using false identification. At the 1999 New Orleans International DX Conventions, last month, Zorro was announced as "DXer of the Year" because of his activities as 7O1A, XW30/XW30A, A51/JH1AJT, XU1A, XW8KPL, E31A etc. During the 1998 Visalia International DX Convention Zorro announced that he had been invited back to the Kingdom of Bhutan for another DXpedition. This operation was originally scheduled for early 1999 and has yet to happen.

ZC4, U.K. SOV. BASE AREAS ON CYPRUS. If you missed last Saturday's activity by **ZC4ATC** (by Alf/5B4AFB, George/5B4AGC and Ian/5B4YX) you may have another chance this coming Wednesday, **June 30th**. Alf, 5B4AFB, will be there for his usual monthly club meeting. Begin looking for him starting around 1700z for about 3-4 hours.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. As reported in last week's bulletin, Paul Hutley, KF4OOX, is now active as **ZD8V** and is looking for a few states to finish his WAS. Paul planned to be active during last weekend's "Field Day" and is looking for the following states: Hawaii, Idaho, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. However, Paul informed your editor this past week of some "Bad News". Paul has reported that his antenna is broke and "needs some TLC". He has lost the ability to tune the 15m band and the 12m band is not very far behind. Paul states that he will operate Field Day only 10/20 meters (both of which work just great). After "Field Day", he will take his antenna down. Paul hopes to have it back up in a week or two at the latest.

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<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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